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## Yard Bids Farewell to Dry Dock #2



Dry Dock #2 departed the Yard on July 20, 2006 for its new berth in Brooklyn, New York. Hughes Marine, Inc. of Edison, New Jersey, purchased the 1000 ton, 200f floating dry dock for use at the Erie Basin Bargeport, the largest private marine facility in the northeastern United States.

Built in 1943 and on loan from the U.S. Navy, Dry Dock #2 was homeported at the Yard for the past 62 years. The 125f Coast Guard submarine chaser TRAVIS was the first ship placed in the dry dock on January 22, 1944. The Yard undocked the TRAVIS on January 26, 1944 to return the vessel for war-time duty on the Greenland Patrol.

Throughout the next six decades, the Yard repaired over 950 ships in its smaller dry docking facility. The TAWES, (formerly the Coast Guard Cutter BARBERRY given to the State of Maryland in 1971) is a 100f buoy tender operated by the Department of Natural Resources and holds the distinction as being the last craft berthed in Dry Dock #2. In for repair, the Yard docked the TAWES on July 26, 2004 and undocked it on October 4, 2004.

The chart that begins below and continues in this and the next issue of the *Yard News* is testimony to the number of vessels that sought respite from the sea and were cradled and repaired by the faithful service of Yard Dry Dock #2. (Special thanks to Yard Dockmaster Charles Crabbe and Summer Intern Sarah Herman for their historical research of Dry Dock #2)

### A LEGACY OF "SERVICE TO THE FLEET"

<b>1944</b>	Topawa	Sauk	Sweetgum	Tupelo (2 visits)
Travis	Tensaw	Sonnicant (2 visits)	Blackthorn	Martia
Yeaton	Blackrock (3 visits)	Sutago (2 visits)	Madrona (2 visits)	Bison
General Schofield	Firebush (2 visits)	Alpha (2 visits)	Mohican (2 visits)	Iris
Apalachee (6 visits)	Sweetbrier (2 visit)	Sassafrass (2 visits)	Muramar (5 visits)	Knoxville
Chinook (5 visits)	Sedge (2 visits)	Bittersweet (2 visits)	Woodbine (4 visits)	Salvia
Col. J. De Camphall (2 visits)	Tioga (2 visits)	Redbud (2 Visits)	Little Joe (2 Visits)	Pontchatrain
Crawford (2 visits)	Mariposa (2visits)	Planetree (2 visits)	Lydonia (2 visits)	Mendota
Secota	Mallow (2 visits)	Snohomish	Fredrick Lee (2 visits)	Mojave
Satago	Tallapoosa (2 visits)	Ojibwa	Travis (2 visits)	Kamsack
Rena (2 visits)	Secota	Brasswood	Tacconet	See Dry Dock, pg 6

**Yard Missions: Value - Workforce - Relationships - Community**

# The Commanding Officer's Column

by Captain Stephen C. Duca



VALUE =  $\frac{\text{Capability} \times \text{Readiness}}{\text{Cost}} = \frac{\text{Original Work Scope} + \text{Growth} + \text{Capability Improvements} + \text{Maximum Operational Availability} + \text{Personnel Readiness}}{\text{Dollars, Production Work Hours, Overhead Charged}}$

Many thanks to everyone at the Yard in successfully enduring the recent record heat without a reported heat-related MISHAP. This accomplishment was no small feat and a testament to active engagement by the workforce, supervisors, management, and the union. With the critical days of summer coming to a close with the Labor Day weekend, we all need to keep our guard up and look out for ourselves, our co-workers, our family and our friends.

Many happenings to report in this issue of the Yard News, indicative of the depth and breadth of what it takes to run this facility. Consistent with our goal of constant improvement and providing **VALUE** to our various customers, I'm pleased to report the successful completion of our semi-annual Surveillance Audit under the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System in late June and our Recertification Audit last month under the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System. The latter ISO 14001 audit took a facility-wide view, and I'm thankful for the continued leadership and teamwork of our

tenant commands, units, and offices in environmental management.

I'm sorry to report the passing of Mr. David Gant of the Yard Pipe Shop. A memorial service was held at the Yard on July 18th. Please keep Mr. Gant, his family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Chaplain Tomlinson and CDR McTague, Yard XO, for their efforts in preparing and holding the service.

There have been some physical changes on the waterfront which are significant because of the longevity of the assets involved. As you'll read in this issue, the Number Two or "Small" Drydock was sold by the government's General Services Administration (GSA) at auction and departed to Brooklyn, NY for the next chapter in its over six decades of operation. Similarly, the former CGC GENTIAN arrived for temporary storage, consistent with our core logistics capability as a source for storing, on a space available basis, excess cutters and boats

preparatory to disposal disposition. The ultimate fate of former CGC GENTIAN is unknown at this time.

My thanks to Chaplain Tomlinson for another successful and well-attended Summer Camp and to the MWR Staff, Morale Committee, and duty section and volunteer personnel, who made for another successful CG Day Picnic in the grove. Over 600 attendees enjoyed the event. The line at the dunking booth was steady for all the "dunkies" and the proceeds went to the CG Enlisted Association. I think they made a tidy profit!

As the summer winds down and we look to next Fiscal Year's planned workload, the Mission Effectiveness Projects (MEPs) for the 270' WMEC, 210' WMEC, and 110' WPB cutter fleets remain our primary and most visible product line. Congratulations to all involved in the on-time and on budget delivery of CGC HARRIET LANE, the second 270' WMEC MEP, on 11 August and the first to be completed in 6 months. We still have a few more cutters to deliver this

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## A Message From the Commandant

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:  
Today marks the 216<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Coast Guard. This anniversary offers us a moment to celebrate our rich history, reflect on our past and focus on our future. The Coast Guard's unique legacy as America's lifesaver and maritime guardian evolved from the selfless courage and unflinching determination of our predecessors. It is in their honor that we celebrate today.

In 1790, Congress authorized secretary of the treasury Alexander Hamilton to build a fleet of ten cutters to secure our freedom and protect our coast. For the next eight years, the Revenue Marine was the nation's only naval force. Over time, it evolved and acquired new responsibilities to meet the growing needs of a democracy in the early years of a new nation.

The world has changed dramatically since 1790 and continues to change with every day. The global war on terrorism, the Maritime Transportation Security Act, The Homeland Security Act, the National Strategy for Home-

## Happy 216th Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard!

land Security, and the National Strategy for Maritime Security have given the Coast Guard additional areas of mission emphasis. Meeting those new maritime security demands, while sustaining the trust and confidence of the public we serve in preserving our maritime safety and exercising our maritime stewardship duties, requires us to continually challenge ourselves and improve the way we do business. By focusing on superior mission execution in all that we do, our active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women are meeting these challenges head on, often times in unique and innovative ways. I am proud of these tremendous efforts and your hard work.

With the arrival of our 217<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service, we can look forward to the promise of more opportunities to serve America, and even more challenges. I reaffirm my commitment to each of you on this special day to ensure that our

Coast Guard men and women are the most versatile workforce in government, equipped with the most capable fleet of ships, aircraft and boats, along with the most effective systems that will support them. We have an extraordinary legacy of excellence as America's Coast Guard. We will build on that legacy. We will rise to meet the challenges facing us. And we will remain always ready.

Happy Birthday and Semper Paratus!

*Admiral Thad Allen*

*Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard*

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**Picture ThisÖ**  
**Yard Makes Progress on 270í, 210í and 110í Mission Effectiveness Projects (MEPs)**



**CGC HARRIET LANE**  
**270í MEP #2**



**CGC FORWARD**  
**270í MEP #3**



**CGC CONFIDENCE**  
**210í MEP #2**



**CGC TYBEE**  
**110í MEP #1**

**Editorís Note:**

The Coast Guard Cutter TAMPA was the first 270í MEP completed in February 2006. The Coast Guard Cutter DEPENDABLE was the first 210í MEP completed in March 2006.



**CGC OKRACOKE**  
**110í MEP #2**





## Yard Receives First Painting Certification

The Yard recently received its first quality painting certification bestowed by the Society of Protective Coatings (SSPC). In response to a new requirement by the Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic for all of its paint contractors, the Yard joined the private sector in pursuit of the business certification. Such designation becomes

testimony to the quality and high standards of the products and practices of the Yard Paint Shop.

SSPC requires successful demonstration in the areas of: management procedures, safety and environmental compliance, technical capabilities, and quality control. According to Yard Painter General Foreman Leon Wilson, attainment of the

SSPC Qualification Procedure (QP) 1 certification covered an intense four month preparation period. The initial Yard study team included Wilson; Rory Downey and Lou Jiongco of the Yard's Quality Assurance Office; Barry Appolin, Planner Estimator, Industrial Department, and the Paint Shop Foremen and shop employees.

Following a successful SSPC audit, the Paint Shop received the certification on April 11, 2006. It is valid through February 15, 2007.

SSPC QP 1 certification is a nationally recognized program that studies industrial painting practices. According to SSPC, these standards are considered to be the minimum level of service and quality for today's coatings industry.

Achievement of the SSPC painting certification is another example of the Yard's desire to provide top notch service to the fleet, comments Wilson. The Paint Shop takes pride in being part of the Yard's quality process.



## Yard Becomes Caretaker for Decommissioned CGC GENTIAN

On July 12, 2006, the Yard became caretaker for the 64 year old decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter GENTIAN, the last 180' buoy tender in service. The Coast Guard decommissioned the Cutter at the Integrated Support Command Miami on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, placed it in commission-special for travel to Baltimore, and placed it out-of-commission-special upon arrival in Baltimore. GENTIAN is berthed in the Yard's Arundel Cove waiting possible transfer under the Coast Guard's Foreign Military Sales program.

GENTIAN was constructed by the Zenith Dredge Company, Duluth, Minnesota, and commissioned in 1942. The Cutter provided extensive buoy tending and support service along the east coast. In 1983, GENTIAN received a facelift under the Coast Guard Service Life Extension Program conducted at the Yard. The Cutter was decommissioned in 1998, recommissioned in 1999, painted white, and assigned as a multi-national operational support tender/training vessel in the Caribbean (pictured in photo at right). The Coast Guard Cutter GENTIAN's final homeport was in Miami, Florida.



## Nation Marks One-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

August 25-29, 2006 marks the one-year anniversary of one of our country's deadliest hurricanes, Hurricane Katrina. The Category 4 storm hit Florida before heading west to devastate New Orleans and the Gulf Coast during the last week of August, 2005. Significant federal, state, and local resources were mobilized to respond to the disaster, including those of the U.S. Coast Guard.

In an average year, the Coast Guard saves 5,500 lives. Within 48 hours of Katrina's landfall, the Coast Guard achieved half of that total in Louisiana and Mississippi alone. By September 14, 2005, Coast Guard forces had rescued 24,135 people by boat and helicopter and evacuated 9,409 from 11 hospitals for a total of 33,544 rescues—statistically, seven years worth of search and rescue compressed into a two-week period. At the peak of this response, the Coast Guard was rescuing 750 people an hour by boat and 100 people an hour by air.

## Local Coast Guard Veteran Receives World War II Victory Medal

Coast Guard veteran Dick Witler (center in photo at right) stood proudly at the Yard Veteranís Monument on July 10<sup>th</sup> as Captain Duca presented him with the World War II Victory Medal. Witler had served as part of the all-Coast Guard crew on the USS RACINE, a U.S. Navy patrol frigate that saw heavy action in the Pacific Theatre. Witler now resides in a Baltimore retirement community and had missed the official Service presentation of the medal last year due to illness.

Captain Duca (photo left) pinned the medal on Witlerís collar along with giving an expression of thanks on behalf of the Coast Guard for his dedicated service to his country. Joining the Captain and Witler for the ceremony was Helen Chart (photo right), Witlerís friend and fellow retirement community resident.



**Military Person of the Quarter**  
**SN Aaron Shaske**  
**FY í06, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**



**Civilian Employee of the Quarter**  
**Ben Carey, Structural Shop**  
**FY í06, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**



## íFair Winds & Following Seasí Yard Retirees ñ January 2006-August 2006

Donald Dotson  
 Sheetmetal Joiner Supv  
 46 Years

Steven Morris  
 Pipefitter Supervisor  
 36 Years

Warren Pitts  
 Sheetmetal Mechanic  
 (Boat Joining)  
 40 Years

Arthur Smith  
 Electrician  
 26 Years

Rick Hare  
 Business Development Mgr  
 36 Years

Walter Senkewic  
 Lead Naval Architecture  
 Technician  
 41 Years

Phillip Little  
 Management  
 Analyst  
 33 Years

Ronald Weber  
 Sheetmetal Mechanic/  
 Boat Joining  
 20 Years

Anthony Accardi  
 Structural Worker  
 5 Years

Donald Piper  
 Shipfitter (Welding)  
 5 Years

James Talley III  
 Electronics Mechanic  
 Leader  
 39 Years

Owen Wojtkowiak  
 Production Machinery Mech  
 24 Years

James Wilke  
 Assistant Gen. Foreman X10  
 35 Years

Charles Wenger, Jr.  
 Ship Superintendent  
 31 Years

Edward Keene  
 Electronics Mechanic Supv  
 36 Years

Timothy Brown  
 Shipfitter (Welding)  
 23 Years

Richard Brubach  
 Wood Worker  
 11 Years



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### Dry Dock, cont from pg 1

Ricky	LS-53	LS 91	T-190	Yamacraw	CG 95320 (2 visits)
YTB #415 (2 visits)	Sagebrush	YFNX #9	Arione	WAL 519	Cuyahoga
YTB #414 (3 visits)	FLB 5005	Mohican	Spar	Conifer (2visits)	Chinook
S.T. #521 (2visits)	CG 64302	Mariposa	Sassafras	WAL 538	Sagebrush
YTB #416 (2 visits)	Jackson	Apalachee	Seamule	Evergreen	Mariposa
CGR 85008 (7 visits)	Potomac	Yamacraw	WAL 515	WAL 530	CG 52312
LCS #6	LV 102	Raritan	Auroa	CG 85009	Zinnia
LC #419 (2 visits)	SC 1361	CG 64302	WAL 613	Apalachee	T-515
LC #418 (2 visits)	Air Ibis	US Army T-190	Tahoma	Mohican 73	WAL-530
Motor launch 19733	Woodbine	LS 107 White Quarters	YFNX #9	Violet	WAL-515
YF #533 (4 visits)	Gentian	Sassafras	WA 529	Marion	Ariadne
LCS #4 (2 visits)	SC 1358	Jonquil	Q 582	WAL 605	
Spar #403 (12 visits)	CG 83490	LS 115 (2 visits)	T-41	T-190	<b>1957</b>
YF #376 (2 visits)	CG 83303	Conifer	CG 833465 (2visits)	Sagebrush W399	CG 56019
LC #417 (2 visits)	Sunflower	Gentian	Papaw	Cuyahoga	MDA-4 (2 Visits)
CG 83305	Larkspur	LS 108	CG 83442 (2visits)	Chinook	MDA-5 (2 visits)
LCS #6 (2 visits)		LS 116 Chesapeake	CG 83312	Zinnia	Aurora
YP #583 (2 visits)	<b>1947</b>	LS 109	Jonquil	Nemesis	Evergreen
CG 80302 (2 visits)	White Heath YF-445	Sorrel	LS 531	Jonquil W330	MDA-4
CG 80300 (2 visits)	Chinook		Gentian	Sorrel W296	WAL 529
Motor launch 19733	Seamule	<b>1950</b>	WAL 537	Conifer	Marmer
LC #415	CG 83487	Cactus	Gentian	Cowslip	Blackthorn
YP 851	Aurora	Blackhaw	US Army Barge	WAL 189	WAL 537
CG 83305	CG 83463	Laurel	USA Army T-190	Seamule	WAL-530
PF 93	LS 95 Relief	Wisteria	Sweetgum	WPB 95303	Mariposa
LCS #3	Air Curlew	T-190	Sorrel	T-6	Nemesis (2 visits)
CGR 5192 (2 visits)	LS 116 Chesapeake	T-73	Laurel	WPB 95307	Chinook
LCL #1	Sassafrass	Birch	WAL 189		Firebush
LV #93 (3 visits)	LS 114 Diamond	Kim	Violet	<b>1955</b>	Madrona
	CG 64302	Elm (2 visits)	Bramble	Little Roy	MDA-3 (2 visits)
<b>1945</b>	LS 91	LS 612		CG 93312	Papaw
LCM 705	Cuyahoga	USA T-41	<b>1953</b>	MDA #1	Cahoone
J808	Hemlock	Firebush	Navy T-5	Aurora	Spar
CG 74304	LS 86	LS 107	Navy T-4 (2 visits)	Apalachee	Pandora
Rescue Boat 63055	Air Hawk	CG 83504	Ariadne	Agassiz	Bramble
CG 74310	CG 85009	LS 94	Navy T-3	Evergreen	Hornbeam
E8348Navy	Pandora	T-190	WPB 95305	Diane	Lilac
CG 80304	FLB 5005	Sagebrush	Evergreen	AVR-C63260	Triton
LSM 109	Air Tern	LS 116	T-41	Blackrock	Laurel
Tamaris	Air Pheasant	T-41	Freedom	Triton (2 visits)	
YSD #71	Woodbine	LS 79	T-190	Raritan	<b>1958</b>
Apalachee		64308	Hornbeam	CG 95 (2 visits)	Linden
Gentian	<b>1948</b>	Jonquil	WPB 300	Firebush	Cowslip
Rush	Cowslip	LS 95	WPB 95303	WAL 529	Boutwell
USA Q120 (3 visits)	CG 85009 (2 visits)	Evergreen	Firebush	Yeaton (2 Visits)	Agassiz
USA Barge 2798	Gentian (2 visits)		Mohican	Chinook	MDA-7
USA Barge 2802 (2 visits)	SPAR	<b>1951</b>	PB 95303	Madrona	Apalachee (2 visits)
USA ST 710 (2 Visits)	LS 106	Sassafrass	WPB #15	Iris	Violet
USA Barge 8777	Apalachee (2 visits)	Diane	WPB #14	WAL-537	Lilac
USA Barge 2792	US Army T-190	Papaw	Raritan	CG 953	Diane
USA Barge 2795 (2 visits)	LS 91 Relief (3 visits)	LCM 6	LS 95	CG 95316	Westaria
Chinook	Mohican	Chinook	WPB 95 T-13	Mariposa	Seamule
YF 533	Diane	Pandora	WPB 95 (4 visits)	Laurel	MDA-7
US Army Barge 2796	LS 99	Jonquil	Madrona	Gentian	MDA-8
Woodbury	White Pine 448	Mariposa	Seamule	Sassafrass	Sagebrush
Conifer	LS 11032	CG 83501	Gentian	Cuyahoga	Verbena
YTB # 421	Calypso	T-41	Mariposa	CG 83382	Mariposa
YSD #39	CG 64302	Q-36	Nemesis	Cartigan	Walnut
Phlox	LS 108	CG 83529	WPS 95 #1	Hornbeam	Chinook
Tiger (2 visits)	Conifer	Madrona	WPB #2 95		Firebush
Lydonia (2 visits)	White Sage	CG 83501	CG 83396	<b>1956</b>	Cartigan
LCL 576	Sagebrush	CG 83529	T-41	WAL 538	Sassafrass
YTB #417	YSD 39	CG 83518	Sweetgum	Cactus	Sweetgum
Agassiz	Sweetgum	T-73	Cactus	Gentian	WAL-515
	LS 107 (2 visits)	Sagebrush	Sorrel (2 visits)	Lilac	Nike
<b>1946</b>	Chinook	Cowslip	Agassiz	Cowslip	Ariadne
CG 63055	LS 101	Evergreen	Blackhaw	Barberry	
Chinook		Spar	CG 83468	Apalachee	<b>1959</b>
Botwin Propulison Tug	<b>1949</b>	CG 64302		Spar	Ariadne
Faris	Bramble	Bramble	<b>1954</b>	Mohican	Bramble
CG 83427	Cactus		CG 83382	Wistaria	Hornbeam
LS 53 Stonehorse	Cowslip	<b>1952</b>	T-41 (2visits)	WAL-519	CG 95336
US Army T-31	Aurora	Sorrel (4 visits)	YFNX	WAL-605	



### Yard's Open Door Baby Pantry Marks First Anniversary

Yard's Open Door, the Baltimore Area Coast Guard Command Baby Pantry, recently celebrated its first year in operation. Opening at the Yard in spring 2005, the facility is designed to accept donations and make them available free of charge to members of the Coast Guard family in active duty, reserve, auxiliary, and civilian employees of the Yard and its tenant commands. Over 35 families representing 47 children were served through the baby pantry ministry during the last year.

Baby pantry items include baby gear for infants and toddlers such as diapers, wipes, baby furniture, infant clothing, baby towels, crib sheets, etc. The all-volunteer program began under the initiation of the Yard's Chaplain, LT Michael Tomlinson, USNR, with support from the Baltimore Area Coast Guard Spouses Association, Officers Association, Warrants Association, Chiefs Association, and Enlisted Association.

The baby pantry is named in honor of the late Coast Guard Petty Officer

Nathan Bruckenthal who was killed in action in the Persian Gulf in April 2004. He was the first Coast Guard casualty in the Iraqi conflict and the first Coast Guardsman killed in combat since the Vietnam War.

The baby pantry operates on donations from the Coast Guard family and the community. In the photo below, Ramona Vasquez (left), Yard Fiscal Department and on behalf of the Spouses Association, accepts a check from Joe Herman (right), Yard Indus-

trial Department, who presented proceeds from a fundraiser conducted by the Dundalk Knights of Columbus. Chaplain Tomlinson (center) joined in the presentation.

The baby pantry is located in the Yard trailer between Buildings 24 and 25. Individuals wishing to support the ministry or benefit from the ministry should contact Ramona Vasquez, 410-636-4143 at the Yard or Ramona Hatfield, 410-762-6101, at the ELC or Chaplain Tomlinson, 410-636-7715.



### Arriving September 2006, the Combined Federal Campaign!

#### Dry Dock, cont from pg 6

Violet W-250	General Greene
Evergreen	Madrona
Navesink	CG 82301
CG 9	Sagebrush
Cactus	Mariposa
Nemesis	MDA-9
WAL-530	Sweetgum
Mariposa	Yeaton
Barnacle Bill	Cahoone
Papaw	Legare
Triton	<b>1961</b>
CG 95333	Hornbeam
CG 95334	Mistletoe
CG 95331	White Pine
CG 95332	Evergreen
Laurel	Arbutus
Gentian	WAL-529
Iris	Hawthorne
<b>1960</b>	Cactus
CG 82309	Mariposa
YP- 657	CG 82314
Seamule	Vertiers
Laurel	Papaw
CG 82307	SPAR-W-403
CG 95329	Aurora
CG 82306	CG 82313
Apalachee	Cowslip
CG 82304	CG 82312
YP-656	CG-82311
Lilac	CG 82310

<b>1962</b>
Salvia
Barberry
WAL-512
Bramble
Hollyhock
Conifer
Lilac
A-474
Mariposa
Sagebrush
LA-Crete Pierrot
Firebush
Sassafrass (2 visits)
Yeaton
<b>1963</b>
CG 82343
Sweetgum
Hornbeam
WAL 613
Jonquil
WAL-519
Hollyhock
WAL-506-Barnegat
Delaware WAL-529
SPAR W-403
Mariposa
Sauk (2visits)
Firebush
CG Barge 84001

Cowslip
Gentian
Laurel-W-291
<b>1964</b>
Oak
Gentian
Hawthorn
Red Wood (2 visits)
Scotland Wal-512
Sagebrush
Red Beech
Red Wood (2visits)
Conifer
Sassafrass
Walnut
<b>1965</b>
CG 85009
White Sumac
Lamar
Sweetgum
Red Birch (2 visits)
Cape Strait
Cowslip
Laurel
<b>1966</b>
Point Thatcher
Active W-618
Red Wood
Lilac
Red Beech

Sassafrass	Durable
Firebush	Red Beech
Apalachee	White Pine
Mariposa	Cactus
Hornbeam	Brier (2 visits)
Conifer	Spar
Confidence	Cowslip
Papaw	Madrona
<b>1967</b>	Primrose
Hornbeam	Laurel
Vigilant	Point Thatcher

(to be continued next issue)

#### CO Column, cont from pg 2

FY, SAFELY, ON-TIME (or early), and ON-BUDGET (or under), namely CGC OAK and CGC JAMES RANKIN.

Finally, welcome to CAPT Brian Merrill, our new boss as the Chief of the Office of Naval Engineering (CG-45) in CG Headquarters and his Deputy, CDR Brian Ellis in CG-451, the Naval Engineering Programs Division. And thanks to CAPT Bob Pyle (now ELC-01) and LCDR Bob Volpe (now retired) for their steady hands on the tiller as the Acting Office Chief for most of the summer.

## Baltimore Area Coast Guard Family Celebrates Service's 216<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Over 600 military and civilian employees and family members of the Baltimore Area Coast Guard commands celebrated the U.S. Coast Guard's 216<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Coast Guard Day Picnic held in Steinbock Grove on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Photos (clockwise) depict a sumptuous picnic menu, children's games sponsored by the Coast Guard Enlisted Association, and a castle moon bounce — a favorite of the young and even a few young at heart! *(Photos courtesy of PO Amy Fabian, Military Support Division)*



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